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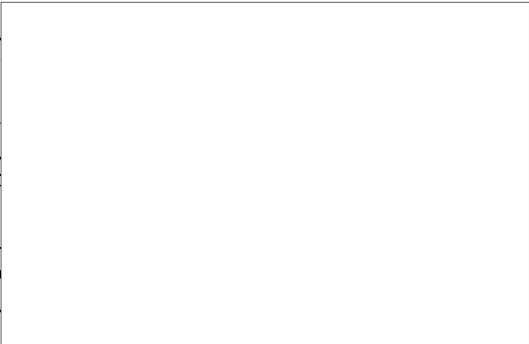
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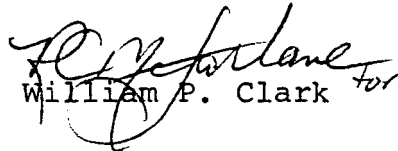
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August 11, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL SITUATION GROUP

SUBJECT: Report of SSG Meeting

The Vice President has approved the attached Summary of Recommendations from the 7:15 a.m. August 4, 1982 SSG meeting.


William P. Clark for

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90619SPECIAL SITUATION GROUP MEETING

DATE, TIME August 4, 1982, 7:15 - 9:10 a.m.
 AND PLACE: White House Situation Room
 SUBJECT: Lebanon Situation (U)

PARTICIPANTS

The Vice President

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Howard J. Teicher

Summary of Recommendations

Letter from the President: The SSG recommended that the President send a letter to Prime Minister Begin to state the unacceptability of Israeli military actions, for both humanitarian reasons and the negative effects on the negotiations, and the consequences of a continuation of this action for U.S.-Israeli relations. It was agreed that the imposition of sanctions on Israel at this time would be counterproductive as it might encourage PLO intransigence and Israeli belligerence. (TS)

Draft Public Statement: The SSG recommended that the President issue a strong statement expressing U.S. concern over the escalating violence and requesting the total observance of the cease-fire in place by Israel while making clear to the PLO that there is no choice but to withdraw from Beirut and Lebanon. (TS)

United Nations: The SSG did not have a draft resolution to consider, but recommended that the U.S. be prepared to support a resolution that condemned Israel, but veto one which called for Chapter 7 sanctions. (TS)

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Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

August 4, 1982

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

Last night Israeli forces moved forward on several fronts from their ceasefire lines around Beirut. These movements were accompanied by heavy Israeli shelling and came only a day after I had made clear to the Israeli Government, in my meeting with Foreign Minister Shamir, that the U.S. placed great importance on the sustained maintenance of a ceasefire in place -- to avoid further civilian casualties and to secure the prompt withdrawal of the PLO forces in Beirut.

This is a necessary first step toward our goal of restoring the authority of the Government of Lebanon, a goal Ambassador Habib is earnestly working toward with the full cooperation of the Government of Lebanon.

Through governments which have direct contact with the PLO, I have expressed my strong conviction that the PLO must not delay further its withdrawal from Lebanon. At the same time I have expressed to the Government of Israel the absolute necessity of reestablishing and maintaining a strict ceasefire in place so that this matter can be promptly resolved.

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